Dear Mr Esther;

I send you this book of Goodell's, for the good that is in it - not for the crudities, and the bigotries which mark those parts relating to the American A.S. Society. - He undertakes to make out a case agst that Society, and against the Standard, for indirectly aiding the Whig party, in the Presidential election of 1840. The Stand^{d}. was then edited by David Lee Child & Lydia M. Child. The former was a Whig in his politics, but it was believed that he would never permit that propensity to appear in the Standard. But in some few instances he did so, and these are the sentences Goodell copies. - The Exec. Comtee. remonstrated with Child on his course - discussed the whole matter with him - took the stand decidedly that it could not be allowed - the consequence of which was that Child left the editorship. - This well-known fact Goodell wholly suppresses. - Garrison speaks well of the book (with these exceptions) as valuable for reference. I have glanced at but a few chapters. It has his faults of tedious verbosity & prosiness. -

S. M. P.

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